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TAGS: ELAB, ILO, VE

SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN DELEGATION TO THE ILO

REF: STATE 102699

1. GOVERNMENT DELEGATION: VISITING MINISTER, MINISTER OF LABOR JOSE MANZO GONZALEZ (MANZO ALSO HEADED THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT DELEGATION TO THE ILO IN 1976, WHILE MANZO WAS NOTED FOR HIS LEFTIST LEANINGS IN HIS YOUTH AND HAS BEEN FREQUENTLY CRITICAL OF THE U.S. IN THE PAST HE HAS BEEN INVARIABLY SYMPATHETIC TO U.S. POSITIONS IN THE ILO SINCE BECOMING MINISTER IN EARLY 1976. WE WILL MEET WITH MANZO TO MAKE REFTEL POINTS PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR GENEVA); DELEGATE AMBASSADOR DIEGO LUIS CASTELLANOS, CHIEF OF THE PERMANENT VENEZUELAN MISSION IN GENEVA; TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS, MINISTER COUNSELOR ENRIQUE AZPURUA AYALA, DCM OF THE VENEZUELAN MISSION IN GENEVA AND VENEZUELAN REPRESENTATIVE ON THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE ILO; DR. MANUEL ADTIANTA HERNANDEZ, REPRESENTING THE HEALTH MINISTRY; DR. HECTOR GRIFFIN, FIRST SECRETARY IN THE VENEZUELAN MISSION IN GENEVA; DRA. LYA RITA FITZGERALD, ASSISTANT TO THE LEGAL COUNSEL

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OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOR; GUILLERMINA M. DE VENEGAS, CHIEF OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE MINISTER OF LABOR (A FREQUENT ATTENDER OF ILO CONFERENCES, THE LONG TIME POWER BEHIND THE THRONE AT THE LABOR MINISTRY-MINISTERS COME AND GO BUT GUILLERMINA IS FOREVER. WELL DISPOSED TOWARDS THE U.S. WITH CHILDREN CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN U.S. SCHOOLS); DRA. DEFFENDINI DE BRASCHI, CHIEF OF THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL

RELATIONS OF THE LABOR MINISTRY. (CURRENTLY ON LEAVE FROM THE MINISTRY STUDYING IN LONDON. VERY, VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ON ILO MATTERS AND THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH THE U.S. POSITION. A FIRST-RATE TECHNICIAN WHO CAN BE DEPENDED UPON TO GRASP COMPLICATED CONCEPTS RAPIDLY. SHE HAS ESTABLISHED A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH MINISTER MANZO WHO ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD REPLACE HER WHEN HE ARRIVED AT THE MINISTRY BUT SOON CHANGED HIS MIND IN VIEW OF HER OBVIOUS COMPETENCE AND CONSIDERABLE CHARM.)

2. EMPLOYERS DELEGATION: DELEGATE, DR. FELIX MARTINEZ O. (MARTINEZ HAS BEEN GOING TO THE ILO FOR ALMOST THIRTY YEARS. HE MET WITH HOROWITZ DURING THE LATTER'S RECENT VISIT TO CARACAS AND ASSURED HIM OF 100 PERCENT SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. POSITION); ALTERNATE DELEGATE DR. HORACIO GUILLERMO VILLALOBOS; TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS:

DR. PEDRO RAFAEL AREVALO

DR. JESUS MARIA ESTACIO

DR. RAFAEL ALFONZO GUZMAN

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EDUARDO OYARZABAL

BINGEN T. ARBELOA

DR. REINALDO MENDEZ DIAZ

DR. ANGEL FRANCISCO LUJAN

3. WORKERS DELEGATION: DELEGATE JOSE A. VARGA, PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATION OF VENEZUELAN WORKERS CTV (HOROWITZ MET WITH VARGAS DURING HIS CARACAS VISIT. HE STATED THE CTV WILL FOLLOW THE LEAD OF THE ICFTU. HE IS VERY CLOSE TO THE AFL-CIO AND WELL DISPOSED TOWARDS THE U.S. VARGAS WILL PROBABLY RETURN TO VENEZUELA ABOUT JUNE 15 IF IT LOOKS LIKE EVERYTHING IS UNDER CONTROL AT THE ILO); ALTERNATE DELEGATE JOSE GONZALEZ NAVARRO (GONZALEZ IS ALSO ALTERNATE WORKERS DELEGATE ON THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE ILO. GONZALEZ IS CONSIDERABLY MORE LEFT LEANING AND MORE TAKEN WITH THIRD WORLD RHETORIC THAN VARGAS. HE LED A CTV DELEGATION

TO CUBA TWO YEARS AGO AND, WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION, CALLED  
FOR FORMATION OF A LATIN AMERICAN LABOR CENTRAL EXCLUDING  
THE U.S. THIS IS ILLUSTRATIVE OF HOW HE CAN GET CAUGHT  
UP IN THIRD WORLD RHETORIC AND EXCEED HIS INSTRUCTIONS);  
TECHNICAL ADVISERS FEDERICO RAMIREZ LEON, CTV VOCAL;  
MAXIMOS ACUNA, CTV SECRETARY OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES (BASICALLY  
DEMOCRATIC ALTHOUGH HE BELONGS TO A GROUP WHICH IS DRIFTING  
FURTHER AND FURTHER LEFT); ALEJANDRO FREITES, CTV VOCAL  
(INDEPENDENT BUT A STRONG DEMOCRAT); JUAN DE DIOS RIVAS  
(CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT); JOSE RAMON RODRIGUEZ (FISHERMEN'S  
UNION, DEMOCRATIC ORIENTATION).  
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